Ruling on Holding the *Muṣḥaf* [written copy of the *Qurʾān*] in the Left Hand

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He also asks: is it permissible to hold the *Muṣḥaf* [written copy of the *Qurʾān*] in the left hand?

Answer:

I do not know of anything wrong in that. Although taking it with the right hand is better, the right hand is preferable in every circumstance. The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ used to reserve his right hand for his purification, his grooming, for taking and giving, for handshaking, and the like, while the left was for matters other than that.

So, if a need arises for a person to hold the *Muṣḥaf* with the left hand, because the right hand has become tired, or because he wished to take something with it, or something similar, then there is no *Ḥaraj* [blame or objection], *in shāʾ Allāh*. That is because the two hands assist one another.

The hands cooperate together. So, whether he places it in the left hand and recites, or in the right hand and recites, all of that is unobjectionable, *in shāʾ Allāh*.

However, for it to be in the right hand is more appropriate and more virtuous, for the reason already mentioned regarding the preference of the right hand in taking, giving, eating, and similar matters.